OLR Bill Analysis sHB 5159

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

SUMMARY:

This bill extends by two years, from October 1, 2011, to October 1, 2013, the date by which the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary must adopt regulatory criteria for reviewing regional plans of conservation and development (C&D).

By law, each regional planning agency must prepare a 10-year regional plan of C&D and submit it to the OPM secretary at least 65 days before holding a required public hearing on it. The secretary must then determine if the plan is consistent with the State Plan of C&D and the state strategic economic development plan and submit his findings to the agency.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 5154, favorably reported by the Planning and Development Committee, extends the deadlines, requires consultation, and changes criteria for the OPM secretary's analysis of state planning regions, which existing law requires. It also sets as a goal of the analysis, reducing the number of planning regions to no more than eight.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/23/2012)